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SUBJECT: BLACK HEBREWS

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1. ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED EMBASSY VISIT TO THE NEW BLACK HEBREW QUARTERS IN DIMONA ON NOVEMBER 18 WAS POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF THE BLACK HEBREWS. EMBASSY HAS, HOWEVER, OBTAINED SOME INFORMATION REGARDING THE APARTMENTS.

2. ON NOVEMBER 10 EMBASSY TELEPHONED MR SCHUTZMAN, THE SPOKESMAN FOR "AMIDAR" (ISRAELI NATIONAL HOUSING COMPANY) WHO ARE THE OWNERS OF THE ABSORPTION CENTER IN DIMONA. ACCORDING TO MR SCHUTZMAN, 48 APARTMENTS IN THE ABSORPTION CENTER WERE TURNED OVER TO THE BLACK HEBREWS ON OCT 12, 1980 AND 287 BH MEMBERS MOVED IN. SIX PERSONS ARE RESIDING IN EACH APARTMENT WHICH CONSISTS OF TWO ROOMS, A KITCHEN AND BATHROOM, TOTALLING 57 SQUARE METERS. THE APARTMENTS ARE RENT-FREE FOR BH MEMBERS FOR THE FIRST YEAR ON CONDITION THAT NEEDED REPAIRS, WHICH ARE APPARENTLY EXTENSIVE, WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE BH MEMBERS THEMSELVES.

3. ACCORDING TO MR SCHUTZMAN, THERE ARE 860 BLACK HEBREWS LIVING IN DIMONA; THEREFORE, HOUSING PROBLEMS FOR ONE-THIRD OF THEM HAVE SO FAR BEEN SOLVED. FURTHERMORE, AN ADDITIONAL 26 APARTMENTS IN THE DIMONA ABSORPTION CENTER WILL BE ALLOCATED TO BH MEMBERS WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

NOTE: MR SCHUTZMAN'S COUNT IS SUBSTANTIALLY GREATER THAN THAT MADE BY MR JACQUES AMIR, MAYOR OF DIMONA, AS REPORTED IN REFTEL. EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE METHODS USED TO OBTAIN THESE FIGURES. BROWN

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